

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-22 remain pending, and are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tyburski in view of Ott et al., US Patent 5,754,674 (“Ott”) and Cain (U.S. 4,523,33). Applicant has herein amended claims 1, 8, 16 and 20. No new matter is believed added.

Applicant does not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserves the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application.

Applicant traverses the rejections of independent claims 1, 8, 16 and 20 because the cited combination fails to teach or suggest each of the claim limitations. For instance, claim 1 (and similarly claims 8, 16 and 20) recites, *inter alia*, “a character position synchronization system that utilizes the positional data stored for the plurality of characters to positionally synchronize characters from the corresponding sets of transduced character information, *wherein the character position synchronization system identifies a proper position of each character in a first string of inaccurate character data having a missing or erroneously added character based on a second string of accurate character data that does not have any missing or erroneously added characters.*” In other words, claim 1 determines a proper position of characters in a string of inaccurate character data by examining characters in a second string of accurate character data. None of the prior art references teach or suggest such a feature. In particular, none teach determining the proper position of characters in string based on the characters in a second string. For this reason, Applicant submits that the independent claims are allowable over the art of record.

Each of the claims not specifically addressed herein is believed allowable for the reasons stated above, as well as their own unique features.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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